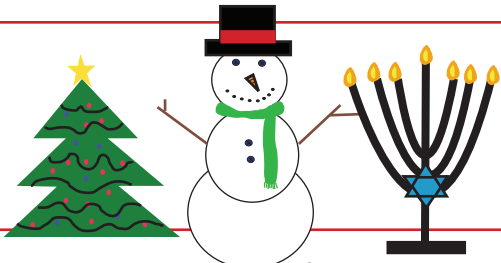


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Several seats soon to be vacant on Board of Regents

Three Regents face expiring terms while two positions still remain unfilled.

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The Northwest Board of Regents will run on fumes soon if replacement members are not found, halting any progress the University could be making.

The issue is simple. The board needs eight members but only has six. With three of the six members facing expiring terms Jan. 1, 2013, and two vacancies to fill, only

three active members will remain. This means the board will be rendered helpless to continue making or approving policies for the University if the regents on their way out decide to not stay while a successor is found.

"Right now, we have six; we're supposed to have eight (voting members)," Student Regent Ashton Raffety said. "Last year we had five, and we were supposed to have eight. In the first meeting I went to for the budget . . . we only had five members there, and to pass our budget for the year, we had to have unanimous consent . . . by law, instead of passing majority out of five, we had to pass majority out of eight. That was troublesome because if we had

eight people there, we could have passed a different budget."

In the coming year, the board may face more serious problems as it struggles to fill the seats.

The Board of Regents is designed to consist of nine appointed members. The board has power over issues such as budgets and policies that affect the University. The six regents are Joseph B. Bosse, Francis "Gene" Dorrel, Mark H. Hargens, Lydia Hurst, Doug Sutton and Douglas Wyckoff. As the student regent, Raffety sits on the board but does not have the power to vote. He considers himself the "direct student liaison."

"In general, the Board of Regents tries

to get a crossbreed of people with experience from industry, education, finance, accounting... people from broad areas to bring outside experience levels to the University for considerations and ideas," said Joseph B. Bosse, board vice chair.

Other requirements for the Board of Regents are there is to be no more than four members of the board from a particular political party, and six of the voting members must live in the University's 19-county district. One must live in Nodaway County, and no more than two can be residents of the same county.

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Bearcat produces Hollywood horror film

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From a campus TV station to Hollywood, Northwest alumnus Justin Ross has taken his filmmaking talents to the next level.

Justin Ross, a 2003 graduate with a degree in broadcasting, served as an assistant director and associate producer for "Texas Chainsaw 3D," the latest adaptation of the Texas chainsaw massacre urban legend, set to hit theaters Jan. 4.

Ross said he learned the basics of filmmaking from his experience at Northwest. He was a producer for VINCI, a campus TV show, for three years and worked for KNWT and KXCV/KRNW.

"I've been making movies since I was 15, but it was at Northwest that they actually became watchable," Ross said. "I had a great time at Northwest, and with the help of many wonderful friends, faculty and staff, I was able to make several shorts that I'm still proud of."

Ross became involved with "Texas Chainsaw 3D" after making a call to the film's producer, Carl Mazzone. He was on a plane to Shreveport, La., the next day to begin work as the film's director's assistant.

When the film wrapped up production this fall, he transitioned to an administrative role as the film's associate producer.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Northwest alumnus Justin Ross on the set of "Texas Chainsaw 3D" in Shreveport, La. Ross served as an associate producer and director's assistant for the film.

He works closely with Mazzone to handle all the day-to-day producing necessities as well as put out any "proverbial fires."

Now that the film is done, Ross said he is proud he got to be a part of the project.

"The film's really got a lot more substance than what you've come to expect from horror films," Ross said. "Sure, it's an intense thrill ride, but for me, it all comes down to story, and this one will really knock your socks off."

Ross encourages students at

Northwest interested in filmmaking to take advantage of the opportunities offered to them and to start making movies.

"Storytelling is storytelling no matter what medium you use," Ross said. "You have some of the best equipment, faculty and staff as well as a wonderfully supportive local community at your fingertips. But most importantly, you have a great deal of freedom, more so than any film school, to tell those stories that are floating around in your head. So get out there and tell them."

City schedules for community, campus forum on bar entry age

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The city of Maryville is now seeking community feedback on whether the bar entry age should be raised to 21 years old and whether a drinking in public ordinance should be created.

City council and City Manager Greg McDaniel have adopted a tentative time line for this subject that includes community input. The series of bar admittance discussion forums has been scheduled through August.

"It is important to gain input from community members, bar owners, and citizens," McDaniel said. "If council feels like a decision needs to be made we look for that to occur in July. It is important to note that things could remain status-quo if through the process council feels there is not justification to make the change."

On Dec. 17 the city will host an open forum with establishment owners to discuss concerns. On Jan. 14 Maryville Public Safety will present information on violation data and comparisons between Maryville and other towns. Earlier this year MPS began gathering information on the subject

by visiting eight major college cities around Missouri for feedback.

"This city has a wholistic view on this problem," Public Safety Director Keith Wood said. "Exercising community feedback will only benefit the culture of underage drinking."

On Feb. 4 the city will give University students the chance to speak their concerns. Junior Brandon Mahon said raising the bar entry age is a bad idea and is not going to prevent underage drinking.

"If people cannot go to the bars, house parties are going to become a bigger thing," Mahon said. "If house parties become more popular, less students, in general, will go to the bars. Bars in town will suffer because they attract such a large amount of underage people."

Sophomore Spencer Noyes said that although there might be less MIPs, a new age limit would not slow down underage drinking.

"College kids are going to drink either way, so really changing the age limit is only going to affect the bar's business," Noyes said.

Hearings held for murder suspects, Northwest to remember fallen student with ceremony

ASHLEY THORPE

Chief Reporter | @ashleypthorpe

Northwest will remember the spirit of a fallen student with a bell ringing ceremony Dec. 14 at 10:30 a.m.

After a late-night altercation, Kevin D. Mooney, 31, and Tony M. Overlin, 23, of Bethany, Mo., were charged with second degree murder and felony assault in the death of Tomarken Smith Sept. 14.

A preliminary hearing for

Mooney on Tuesday afternoon was attended by many Sigma Phi Epsilon members and included testimonies from Sgt. Rick Smail, Maryville Public Safety, witness Kenny Forrester, witness Matthew Reynolds and Sig Ep member Colby Branstine, a close friend of Smith. Smail testified that he did not see who started the altercation inside Molly's between Overlin and Smith, but he did identify the men running from the scene outside to be Overlin and Mooney. Overlin was

often referred to as "the man with tattoos" and was said to be the one whom Smith pushed down in the bar and who, according to Forrester and Reynolds, was the first to assault Smith outside. The defendant, Mooney, was identified by all witnesses, and according to Forrester and Reynolds, was the one who hit Smith to the ground.

The hearing was completed and is under advisement. Judge Corey Keith


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Student raised bull wins prize

JENNA ANTHONY
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The University’s Charolais bull earned one of the top titles at the American Royal Livestock show in Kansas City, again.

The Charolais bull, named Big Time, was given the title of Reserve Grand Champion at the livestock show held on Saturday, Nov. 3. Big Time also received Grand Champion calf during the 2011 American Royal Livestock Show.

“He is one of the best Charolais bulls in the country, and we are hoping to help promote our cattle and the school by going to these shows,” said Sam Rucker, University beef technician. “And winning is just that much more promotion and recognition.”

Big Time was born on Feb. 17, 2011 and has been raised on the W.T. Wright University Laboratory Farm by Rucker with the help of students.

“I was all for volunteering” junior Rachel Zumbrunnen said. “I have showed all my life, so from that standpoint, it was something that I wanted to do because I am up here, so I can’t be around my own cattle right now.”

Student volunteers helped wash and blow-dry each of the show cat-



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN
Big Time, a Charolais bull, raised on the W.T. Wright University Laboratory Farm, was named Grand Champion at the American Royal Livestock Show.

tles’ hair every day to prepare them for shows and also helped Rucker break them to walk on a lead.

“He has a great disposition for a bull; he has just been really good to be around since day one,” Rucker said.

It is fairly uncommon for a Grand Champion calf to return to a

show to gain another title, such as Grand Reserve Champion.

“From a livestock producer’s standpoint, a lot of calves that win just don’t stay sound. They have feet and leg problems, and they just don’t move right, but he’s just really sound and athletic. He has been like that since he was a calf,” Rucker said.

Career pathing program acknowledged nationally

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Missourian Reporter | @TheMissourian

Student Employment at Northwest is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education for its Career Pathing Program.

Northwest student employees are able to learn personal and professional skills in the Career Pathing Program. A three-year analysis recognized student employment for increased retention rates and increased overall satisfaction of student employees, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

“It is important to take a moment to recognize our student employees,” said Paula McLain, coordinator of student employment. “I personally wish that more students should take advantage of it.”

Northwest students in a marketing class started this program. A Student Employment Advisory Board was then formed to discuss having a program such as the Career Pathing Program.

It was piloted in 2005 and implemented in 2008.

The U.S. Department of Education says the Career Pathing Program has been benchmarked by a number of universities in the nation and England.

It has increased student engagement, which promotes retention and degree completion.

“The Career Pathing Program has helped me become a well-rounded individual,” Career Ambassador RayAnn Armstrong said. “You really do learn skills that are beneficial now and later in life.”

Students start out at \$7.25/hour and increase 25 cents/hour each year after a satisfactory performance evaluation and working the full year, according to Promising and Practical Strategies to Increase Postsecondary Success.

Promising and Practical Strategies to Increase Postsecondary Success also shows that students can earn \$39,650 by their senior year if, during the 35 enrollment weeks, they work 20 hours a week and during the 15 summer weeks, work 40 hours a week.

New certification process for Missouri teachers to begin next year

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A new set of standards for teacher preparation programs in Missouri may result in more effective teachers and better performing students.

The Missouri State Board of Education approved new standards for teaching preparation programs at the November meeting in St. Louis, which will take effect March 2013.

“The new preparation requirements will play a big role in helping us

improve educators, which in turn, will help improve student performance,” said Sarah Potter, Missouri Department of Education communications coordinator.

The Missouri Standards for Professional Educators may help Missouri achieve its goal of a place in the top-10 states for education by 2020.

“There are a lot of new requirements,” said Cheryl Malm, Northwest assistant director of teacher education. “It is going to take us a while to

prepare our students and retool our programs to meet the requirements.”

The revisions require students to have a higher GPA. The old requirements included a 2.5 GPA and a 2.5 in the teacher’s content area and in professional education courses. The new standards require a 2.75 GPA and a 3.0 in emphasis courses.

“As in any profession, the best and brightest minds will only make things better,” Potter said. “We’ll have better teachers when we have teach-

ers who excelled in school.”

Potter said the new annual performance review will improve teacher preparation the most. As of now, programs have 39 different assessment tests across the state. Potter said with the new annual review, the Department of Education will come up with their own standards. This will make program reviews easier to compare.

The new standards also include revisions for field and clinical experience requirements. Current re-

quirements include eight weeks of experience. With the new standards, students will need 12 weeks experience to receive their certification.

The new requirements will affect the class of 2017. Malm said, to be safe, the education department at Northwest informs current freshmen of the incoming requirements. If this year’s freshmen attend school for more than four years to obtain their degrees, the new standards will affect them.

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	Olive DeLuce Art Gallery: Janice Jasinski	Leadership Academy Regional Meeting 9 a.m. at SJSD Maintenance Building
	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	Spring 2013 student teachers’ mandatory meeting with University supervisors 3:30 p.m. at J.W. Jones Student Union
	Room Change Week	Toys for Tots Poker Tournament 5 p.m. at The Station
	Salvation Army Bell Ringing Maryville Walmart	Santa at Winter Wonderland 6 p.m. at Franklin Park
	Second Block Ends	Yuletide Feaste 6:30 p.m. at J.W. Jones Student Union
	New Student Orientation and Preregistration 8 a.m. at Administration Building	Mr. Northwest pageant 7 p.m. at Fine Arts Building
	Working with Students with Autism in Schools	
	Saturday, December 8	
	Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc: Alpha Week	8 p.m. at Colden Hall
	Olive DeLuce Art Gallery: Janice Jasinski	Alternative Weekend Volunteer Trip 9 a.m. at Kansas City
	Salvation Army Bell Ringing Maryville Walmart	Women’s Basketball vs. Nebraska Kearney 1:30 p.m. at Lamkin Activity Center
	Chanukah	Men’s Basketball vs. Nebraska Kearney 3:30 p.m. at Lamkin Activity Center
	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Yuletide Feaste 6:30 p.m. at J.W. Jones Student Union
	World’s Finest Chocolate Sale Maryville Walmart	23-hour quiet hours in effect
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	Sunday, December 9	
	Olive DeLuce Art Gallery: Janice Jasinski	6:30 p.m. at Ravenwood Christian Church
	Salvation Army Bell Ringing Maryville Walmart	Free goodie bags will be handed out in the Library for finals week 7 p.m. at B.D. Owens Library
	World’s Finest Chocolate Sale Maryville Walmart	Mass 7 p.m. at Newman Catholic Center
	Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m. at Lutheran Campus Center	23-hour quiet hours in effect
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Major street project scheduled for spring

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Citizens will see major improvements to a main Maryville route this coming year.

After years of complaints, the City Council identified the harsh conditions of Munn Avenue as a problem. Capital improvement taxes will fund a complete reconstruction of Munn Avenue from South Avenue to Route V.

“Munn Avenue is an important north-south route in the community,” City Manager Greg McDanel said. “It takes a lot of traffic to the University and to the high school.”

The severe conditions of the road will no longer be overlooked. City officials stress the importance of Munn Avenue’s reconstruction.

“There are too many people coming to town,” Public Works Director C. E. Goodall said. “And traveling down that road to the University, even to the high school, and that road is just a poor showing of the community. We really need to take care of it.”

Problems caused by the conditions of the road include drainage issues, pot holes and asphalt chipping.

McDanel said the city received citizen complaints for years. The conditions also affect buses traveling to the bus department located on the road.

“There’s been some discussion on this issue for quite some time,” Goodall said. “It’s really broken up down there.”

The project will estimate

about \$2 million in renovations. The street improvements will include a complete concrete replacement of the road and a new curve and gutter.

McDanel said the city plans to begin an aggressive schedule Mar. 1. The city expects to finish the project by Oct. 15.

The renovations will occur over summer break to avoid interference with the high school schedule. For the summer schedule, citizens will have access to the high school throughout the entire six-to-seven month period.

Goodall said residents living along the road will not have access to the roads leading to their homes for a projected five to seven days. The city discussed designating a parking area at the school for those residents.

“It’s going to be a lot of inconvenience for residents living along the road,” McDanel said. “We’re going to try to do our best to get in and get it done quickly.”

Goodall said the city will do all they can to ensure the project’s completion by the projected date.

“We don’t want to have that road blocked for long while school is in session,” Goodall said. “And we don’t want to inconvenience residents any longer than necessary.”

Goodall projects the reconstruction will occur from 7 a.m. to 5 or 6 p.m. Goodall said night work may occur to limit the amount of problems for residents.

Goodall said weather will be the only factor hindering the construction team from completing the work by Oct. 15.

Emergency tower repairs needed

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The 1 million-gallon water tower located on West Edwards Street is scheduled to receive emergency repairs within the next few weeks.

During a routine maintenance inspection on the city’s main water tower, several things were found wrong with the 38-year-old water tower, and it was determined to be in need of multiple repairs.

“The Department of Natural Resources requires us to have inspections done every five to seven years,” said C.E. Goodall, Maryville Public Works director. “We were just doing a normal routine inspection when these things came up.”

Of all the repairs needing to be made, there were two deemed emergency repairs during the inspection. These urgent repairs will make the tower more structurally stable.

“Adjusting windage rods to ensure that the tower can withstand wind speeds over 100 mph and also, while they are up there, they will weld some strut end connection,” City Manager Greg McDanel said.

The most urgent water tower repairs are estimated to cost around \$20,000. The City Council approved the money, which will be taken from the water department funds, during its Nov. 26 meeting.

The Pittsburg Tank & Tower Maintenance Co., a company out of Kentucky that has previously worked with the city will head up the tower’s emergency repair projects.

“We are in the process of getting a contract in place with Pittsburg Tank, who will be doing the work, and as soon as that is signed, they will get to work within seven days,” Goodall said.

The remaining repairs the water tower needs have been left to be budgeted into next year’s public works plans.



KAYLA MEPELINK | NW MISSOURIAN

The 38-year-old, one million gallon water tower located on West Edwards Street is expected to receive emergency repairs.

“One is an epoxy painting that would be on the interior,” Goodall said. “That would be about a \$170,000 expense, and we’re just going to try and budget that for next year.”

Repair work to the tower will not disrupt the water supply to the community since the addition of two new water towers last year.

Maryville and surrounding schools strive for \$20 million grant

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The Maryville R-II School District took notes from its Spoofhound football team and worked with 20 other schools in Northwest Missouri in an attempt to win their own form of a championship, one in the form of a \$20 million grant.

Three hundred and seventy two school districts nationwide applied for the Race to the Top-District competition. The U.S. Department of Education narrowed the list down to

61 schools, and Maryville R-II made that list.

“We worked together and had a tremendous amount of support from the other schools,” Maryville Superintendent Larry Linthacum said.

In early September, schools were given the opportunity to write a plan showcasing how they would personalize student learning and improve both student and educator achievement. The 21 districts, including Maryville, worked together to create a \$20 million grant that focuses on funding the Area Cooperative for

Education Support program and utilizing new technology in the schools to improve their education system.

Fifteen to 25 winning applications will be selected to receive four-year rewards that will range from \$5 million to \$40 million depending on the population of students the district serves.

The first major part of the grant will fund ACES. For the last several years, ACES has received funding from various sources amounting to \$400 thousand per year, but that will no longer be available. The purpose

of ACES is to help students succeed who may not be able to do so in a regular classroom setting. This program serves all 21 schools in the Northwest region and acts as an alternative school for students of all ages. The program will discontinue pending the results of this competition.

Linthacum said the second major part of the cost will be providing a computer for each child in each district and educating teachers about how to use new technology.

“We’re focusing on the profes-

sional development,” Linthacum said. “We’re not going to get computers for kids so they can play Angry Birds on them. We’re focusing on what we are doing to improve student learning.”

Educators recognize that the world students live in today is different than it has been Linthacum said.

“There are many things, technologically, that can help further the ‘thinking outside of the box’ and critical thinking skills,” Linthacum said.

Winners of the grants will be announced Dec. 31.

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The Missourian reflects on 2012

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With the Mayan apocalypse looming over us, it's time to reflect on 2012. 2012 was a fascinating year; we had dancing Koreans, Sunny Moore at the Grammy's and men free falling from the edge of space (that one even gets Tom Petty stoked). Here is a look at some of the most memorable events of the past year, according to The Missourian:

Newsweek:

The 79-year-old publication will cease printing at the end of 2012 and will switch to an online-only edition.

iPhone 5:

Apple launched yet another platform-changing device with the latest edition of the iPhone.

Miguel Cabrera:

This Detroit Tiger earned the first Triple Crown title since 1967, one of the rarest accomplishments in professional sports.

Lance Armstrong:

The cancer survivor and educational entrepreneur was banned from professional cycling and stripped of his Tour De' France titles due to alleged performance enhancer use, causing a major stir in the sports world.

Psy:

This flamboyant South Korean took the world by storm with his addictively catchy song and dance, "Gangnam Style."

The London Olympics:

American swimmer Michael Phelps became the most successful Olympian of all time, bringing home six medals, 22 total in his career.

Dick Clark:

One of the most influential television personalities passed away after many years of hosting "American Bandstand" and "Dick Clark's Rockin' New Year's Eve."

Hurricane Sandy:

The American Atlantic coast was hit with one of the worst storms in its history and is still recovering from the aftermath.

Felix Baumgartner:

This Australian jumped roughly 24 miles from outer space this fall. He broke the speed of sound, and probably gave a few viewers a heart attack while doing so.

Presidential Election:

Barack Obama was re-elected to a second term after a hard-fought, close election against Republican opposition, Mitt Romney.

Skrillex:

This dubstep DJ brought home three Grammy awards while leading electronic music into the Top-40 industry.

NHL Lockout:

2013 approaches and NHL fans have yet to see the puck hit the ice for a game this season.

"The Avengers":

This comic series-turned-film took the big screen by storm this summer, grossing \$1.51 billion dollars worldwide, third most all-time.



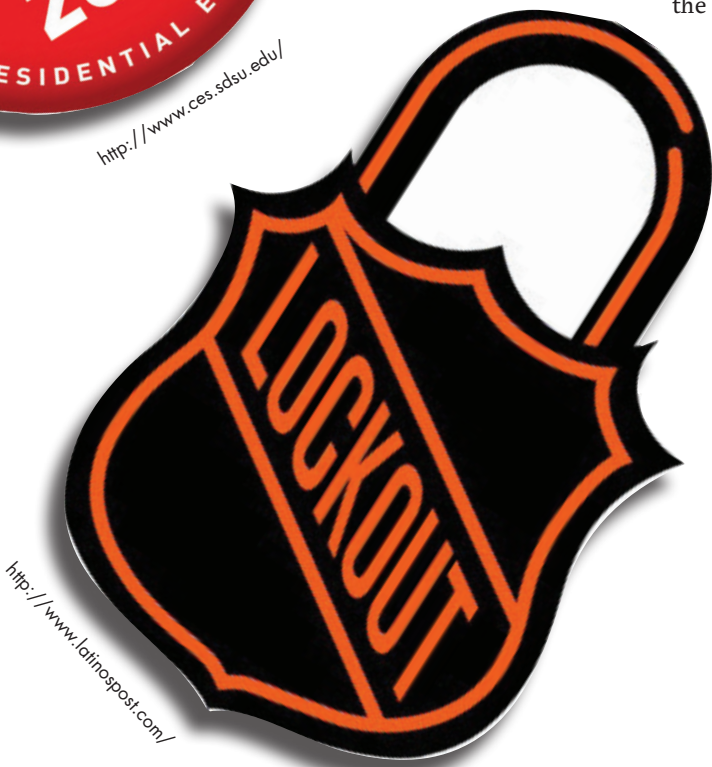
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Herron will make the decision on whether the case will move to circuit court. No date was released for when this information will be available.

On the three-month anniversary of Smith's passing, there will be a bell ringing ceremony. The bell ringing will be followed by the commencement ceremony at 1 p.m. in Bearcat Arena where Smith's family will be accepting a posthumous degree on Smith's behalf. This degree recognizes the achievement of students who have died and completed most of their curriculum.

Northwest President John Jasinski said he recognizes the whole community has been greatly impacted by Tomarken's passing this fall, therefore, it is appropriate to honor his memory with next week's bell ringing.

"He was deeply engaged in the University culture through his coursework, membership in his fraternity and as a student employee," Jasinski said.

Sigma Phi Epsilon President Chase Adams said after everything his chapter and Tomarken's family have been through with this tragedy, this is some of the best news they have received.

"Tomarken was a remarkably dedicated individual, and he really wanted to be the first person in his family to graduate from college," Adams said. "Although T.O. is gone, his family can forever be proud of his accomplishments and hold in their possession what Tomarken was striving for: a college degree. I can't wait to see the smile on his mother's face. I know she is going to be so proud."

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If this board were to be reduced to only three members, the board would not be considered a quorum, or having the required number of members present to legally transact business or majority.

These requirements are proving difficult to fill, though, as there are no candidates available as this year comes to a close.

The process of a nomination approval at the state level is lengthy, further hindering the filling of regent seats.

"It requires an extensive background check," Regent Bosse said. "Unfortunately right now, everybody is really busy, but it seems like it takes a very long time to get somebody appointed . . . we try to

push, and Dr. Jasinski does too. It's just a bureaucratic process that takes a long time for one reason or another."

The breakdown in filling positions appears to fall in the process of Gov. Jay Nixon and Sen. Brad Lager having to agree on a nomination, such as in the case of Robert Dowis, the Jefferson C-123 superintendent.

Earlier this year, Dowis was appointed to replace a regent but was opposed by Lager.

"I'm tired of playing games with the governor's office," Lager said in an interview with the Northwest Missourian last January. "They're going to understand there is a process they are going to have to follow. They can continue to send me these requests, and I will continue to block them."

Lager said although Dowis is

qualified as a candidate, he does not meet the geographical requirements. Lager explained his opposition in a released statement earlier this year.

"Robert Dowis is a good friend whom I have had the privilege of working with in the Missouri Senate and House of Representatives," said Lager. "However, I cannot – in good conscious – confirm this nomination. I have been very clear in my objection to filling a majority of the NWMSU Board of Regents with people who live within twenty miles of each other. I remain open to revisiting the appointment of Mr. Dowis in future years."

The seat of Francis Dorrel will be a concern if Sen. Lager does not confirm him. Appointed by Nixon in 2011 while senate was out of session, Dorrel served on the board while awaiting senate approval.

Dorrel's appointment was withdrawn after no confirmations were made. Earlier in August, Dorrel was appointed and is again waiting for senate confirmation. If Sen. Lager does not confirm Dorrel, the board will be reduced to two members.

The governor's office was contacted but did not provide comment about these issues.

The process of the governor appointing and the senator denying has been ongoing. This lack of compromise and lack of communication between the two offices hurts the board and, in turn, the University and students. Without a governing body, the University loses its bridge from the administration to the state, and any possible progress remains stalled.

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Nov. 7
There is an ongoing investigation of lost/stolen property at the 600 block of North Buchanan Street.

Nov. 8
An accident occurred between Rodney A. Cronk, 49 and Laurel C. Holmquist, 21, both of Maryville, Mo., at the intersection of U.S. Highway 46 and Country Club Road.

Nov. 9
Alexander C. Freund, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with property damage, minor in possession, disorderly conduct and giving false information to a Public Safety officer at the 300 block of North Main Street.

An accident occurred between Trevor L. Johnson, 18, Stanberry, Mo., and Rebecca J. Kelley, 36, Maryville, Mo., at the intersection of North Main and East Fifth streets.

An accident occurred between Abigail D. Hostettler, 28, Maryville, Mo., and Kelly J. Brandon, St. Joseph, Mo., at the 300 block of West 11th Street.

Nov. 10
Maggie T. L. Rowden, 20, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was charged with minor in possession at the 500 block of West Fifth Street.

Adam F. Draper, 34, Guilford, Mo., was charged with resisting arrest, failure to comply and disorderly conduct at the 400 block of North Buchanan Street.

Melissa G. Saxton, 43, Stanberry, Mo., was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

Travis Q. Williams, 24, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while suspended, failure to maintain financial

responsibility and failure to register a motor vehicle at the 500 block of North Main Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 1100 block of North College Drive.

Paul W. Rybolt II, 33, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while intoxicated and failure to affix front license plate at the 100 block of West Torrence Street.

An accident occurred between Cole W. Nelson, 18, Maryville, Mo., and Douglas B. Vaughn, 58, St. Joseph, mo., at the 500 block of North Main Street. Nelson was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

Nov. 11
Colton E. Meek, 23, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while suspended and careless and imprudent driving at the 100 block of West Fourth Street.

Nov. 12
There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 400 block of West 16th Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of fraud at the 800 block of North Mulberry Street.

An accident occurred between Danielle L. Beersman, 18, and James C. Lenz, both of Maryville, Mo., at the intersection of West Seventh and North Buchanan streets. Beersman was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

Nov. 13
Property was recovered at the 1600 block of North Grand Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at 1600 North College Drive

Brett W. War, 43, Maryville, Mo., was charged with animal nuisance at the 1300 block of North Dewey Street.

Nov. 17
Jamie K. Evans, 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at the 1200 block of North Mulberry Street.

Marina E. Howells, 20, Kansas City, MO., Courtney K. Inlow, 20, Maryville, Mo., Brittany N. Billinger, 19, Maryville, Mo., Lilly E. White, Maryville, Mo., and Timothy J. Barton, 20, Raymore, Mo., were charged with minor in possession at the 1200 block of North Mulberry Street.

Nov. 19
An accident occurred between Alice M. Redden, 65, and Zane M. Stiens, both of Maryville, Mo., at the intersection of East First and South Vine streets. Redden was issued a citation for failure to yield.

Nov. 20
An accident occurred between Darren L. Barry, 26, Bolckow, Mo., and Nicholas S. Henderson, 57, Maryville, Mo., at the intersection of South Main and East Edwards streets. Barry was issued a citation for failure to yield.

Jeremy E. Dotson, 29, Maryville, Mo., was charged with domestic assault at the 400 block of East Thomson Street.

Nov. 21
Darrion J. Harris, 29, Ravenwood, Mo., was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

An accident occurred between Taylor A. Thomson and Brett M. Poppa, both of Maryville, Mo., at the 1300 block of East Halsey Street.

Nov. 22
There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 1600 block of

South Main Street.

Derrick C. Bever, 18, and Jacob H. Lemons, 19, both of Maryville, Mo., were charged with possession of drug paraphernalia at the 600 block of North Laura Street.

There are three ongoing investigations of property damage at the 800 block of South Dunn Street.

A fire was reported at the 700 block of South Laura Street.

An accident occurred between Paul W. Bolin, 27, and Brandie N. Cain, both of Maryville, Mo., at the 100 block of North Davis Street.

Nov. 25
Property was recovered at the 300 block of East Sixth Street.

Nov. 26
There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 1600 block of South Main Street.

Nov. 27
Jason D. Bush, 38, St. Joseph, Mo., was charged with displaying the plates of another and failure to maintain financial responsibility at the 400 block of South Dewey Street.

Nov. 28
Christopher B. Hiatt, 18, Maryville, Mo., was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to comply and being in the park after hours at the 1000 block of North Country Club Road.

Mitchell D. Steinkuehler, 20, Blake L. Pummill, 20, and Wade A. Callow, 19, all of Maryville, Mo., were charged with being in the park after hours at the 1000 block of North Country Club Road.

Tyrell B. Miller, 21, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while suspended, disorderly conduct and giving false information to a Public Safety officer at the 1000 block of South Main Street.

There was a report of lost/stolen property at the 800 block of West Edwards Street.

An accident occurred between Jonah C. Loucks, 31, and Sandra L. Meier, both of Maryville, Mo., at the 100 block of Larry Lane. Loucks was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

Nov. 29
Stephanie E. Huezo, 20, Independence, Mo., was charged with minor in possession, profanity in public, disorderly conduct and giving false information to a Public Safety officer at the 400 block of North Buchanan Street.

Delmond T. Williams, 28, St. Joseph, Mo., was charged with driving while suspended and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Nov. 30
Timothy A. Clayton, 23, Albany, Mo., was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court at the 400 block of North Market Street.

An accident occurred between Taylor W. Flora, 23, Parkville, Mo., and Franklin J. Lusk, Kansas City, Mo., at the 100 block of South Main Street.

Dec. 1
Blake A. Baderstadt, 18, Maryville, Mo., was charged with operating a motorbike without proper equipment at the 1200 block of North Mulberry Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 1200 block of South Main Street.

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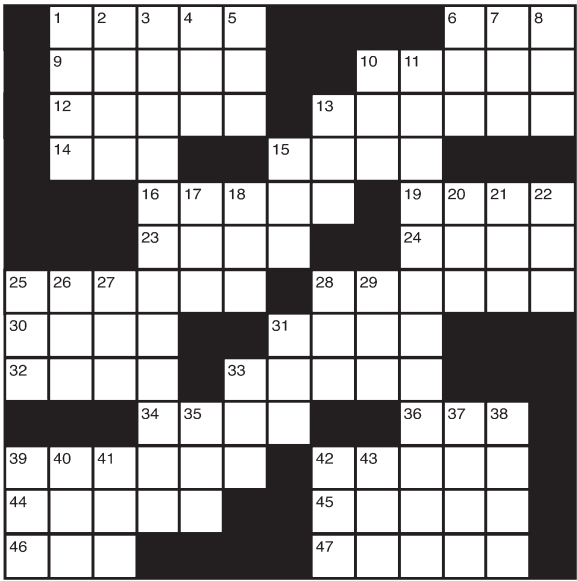
ACROSS

- 1 "___ Dad"
- 6 "Say ___ to the Dress"
- 9 "Hearts ___"; John Ritter/Markie Post sitcom
- 10 "Get ___"; Don Adams series
- 12 "A Streetcar ___ Desire"
- 13 Rhythm & blues singer Robinson
- 14 Sphere; globe
- 15 "Extremely ___ & Incredibly Close"; Tom Hanks movie
- 16 "___ the loneliest number..."; start of a Three Dog Night song
- 19 Historical periods
- 23 Folksinger Joan ___
- 24 Do's followers in a musical scale
- 25 "The ___ on the River Kwai"
- 28 Mike Connors crime series
- 30 "O Brother, Where Art ___?"; George Clooney movie
- 31 "Two and a ___ Men"
- 32 Anna May ___; first Chinese American movie star
- 33 Setting for "M*A*S*H"
- 34 Walk, trot, canter or gallop
- 36 Flavor enhancer, for short
- 39 "___, no foul!"; peace-able attitude
- 42 Hit hard
- 44 In the know
- 45 Hayes or Hunt
- 46 Role on "How I Met Your Mother"

47 Cairo's nation

DOWN

- 1 ___ War; thoroughbred champ
- 2 In the distance
- 3 Dad on "19 Kids and Counting"
- 4 Miner's discovery
- 5 "The ___ Skelton Hour"
- 6 Long-haired ox of Tibet
- 7 Prior to
- 8 Phippen
- 10 University in Dallas, for short
- 11 Ed O'Neill/Sofia Vergara sitcom
- 13 Distress letters
- 15 Wife to Todd, Fisher, Burton, et al.
- 17 Carping spouse
- 18 Special-order shoe width
- 20 "The ___ & Stimpny Show"
- 21 "What Kind of Fool ___?"
- 22 "The ___ Million Dollar Man"; Lee Majors series
- 25 Monogram for Tuskegee University leader Washington
- 26 Fraternity letter
- 27 Charged atom
- 28 Spoil
- 29 Frothy drink
- 31 "Cat on a ___ Tin Roof"
- 33 Delaney or Kar-dashian
- 35 "Car 54, Where ___ You?"
- 37 "___ by Step"; series



Answers for the Nov 29 issue.

- for Patrick Duffy and Suzanne Somers
- 38 Man, for short
- 39 ___ King Cole
- 40 Have debts
- 41 ___ a ball; enjoyed oneself
- 42 "Murder, ___ Wrote"
- 43 Oldest sister in "Little Women"



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Answers for the Nov 29 issue.

Hard

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Easy

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Medium

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Horoscopes:

Today's Birthday (12/06/12). Enjoy alone time, and savor moments with loved ones this year. Romance, partnerships and networking bustle until June, when career and finances shift into overdrive. Reflect on what's important, and keep to your plan. Give attention to health.

To get advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Okay, you can shop now ... don't overspend from guilt. Keep it light. Others ask your advice. Reaffirm a commitment. Get your message out. Accept a grand social invitation.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Your dream is in action. Create flexible structures, and don't forget a deadline. While reason and emotion argue to a standstill, romance hovers nearby. Look for hidden resources.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- You're gaining skills. Be watching for a need to fill, and stay respectful to folks who feel strongly. There's a serendipitous meeting. It's a safe bet. Make a wish.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Completing old tasks pays best, so decrease obligations. Take care of a friend. Supply the food. You can find what you need nearby. You're admired for sticking to

your standards.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Stillness is restful. Balancing powers and keeping your word is essential. Get cleaning out of the way. You're attracting more attention. Hold on to whatever you've gained. Consider all possibilities.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- An old friend can help you make a dream real. Think about it. You have plenty of luck. Delegate to a perfectionist. Find another way to cut costs.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Naturally, you're in the middle of the controversy. A bonus boosts self-esteem.

Devote yourself to the task. Private meetings are best. Don't fret a temporary setback. Win the prize.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Physical effort works today. Spend time outdoors. Make a new connection. Increase vigilance; you get through where others fail. Postpone travel and impulsiveness. Stick to work ... it's profitable.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Your logic spreads. Rise to the occasion. You may respectfully disagree with an opinionated person. Pay back a favor, after paying bills. Celebrate an attractive person's loyalty.

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Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Someone has a great idea about renovating your home. Consider options privately. You have the skills required. Continue to check off the list. If traveling, consider comfort first.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Confer with your team. Postpone travel for now... stay with the group. You get more if you act quickly. Others find you fascinating. Enlist help with subtle bribes.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Simplify matters. A crazy scheme could work, but don't start a new project yet. Physical effort helps clarify your thinking. Love hits you like a feather. Disrupt the status quo.

OUR VIEW:

Method of choosing Board of Regents require changes

Many do not know how the politics of university government work. People see President John Jasinski as the head of the University, and for all intents and purposes, he is. But the president gets his marching orders from a board of men and women appointed by the governor called the Board of Regents.

All universities have a governing board of some sort, but what happens when there are vacancies on the board? Northwest has had two vacancies for a while now, and the board is about to lose three more regents. This leaves a gap on the board, and we do not have an efficient way to replace the departing members.

Running a University is like running a business; when you don't have the full board, things can fall through the cracks, poor policies can be put into place and groups can be forgotten or discriminated against. That is not

to say this occurs at Northwest, but it is a possibility if the board is not full.

We need to reform the way we choose our regents, either by keeping a list of candidates for future use or beginning a campaign to drum up support for the job. The trouble has been finding qualified who are in the required areas of the state.

The issue has been the lack of interest in the job. It is a large time commitment, and if one does not live near the school, it means hours of driving for a meeting. This should not be the issue; we should have a group of people wanting the opportunity to make our school better.

Ultimately, this falls on the governor and state legislature. If education is truly important, they need to make it a priority to ensure that our higher education institutions are being run correctly.



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Last year's members of the Board of Regents from left to right: Mark Hargens, Doug Sutton, Joseph Bosse, Bill Loch, Lydia Hurst and Douglas Wyckoff. All still serve with the exception of Bill Loch.

What ever happened to college music



For decades the term “college music” has conjured images of individualistic university students playing whatever music is requested, regardless of its mainstream appeal. It brought rise to popular alternative bands like O.A.R and Mumford & Sons as well as the legendary punk band The Clash.

Without college radio play, talented, independent bands may never have their shot at fame and fortune in the music industry. Unfortunately, the on-campus radio station here at Northwest Missouri State University has abandoned this tradition.

In the mid-1980s, the music scene was dominated by the “hair band” phase. Unoriginal glam rock from bands like Poison was all the rage with the majority of Americans. However, at universities nationwide, a dif-

ferent picture of popular music was painted. Revolutionary indie bands such as The Cure, R.E.M and Sonic Youth were blaring out of dorm room boomboxes and car radios.

Taking a more modern look, bands that seemingly everyone now knows, such as Mumford & Sons and The Shins, owe a great deal of gratitude to college radio stations that were not afraid to play music that was popular on campus and requested frequently, despite its less-than-typical sound.

University students tend to define themselves by the bands they listen to as well as their tastes in other entertainment. With the college radio playing alternative music, it gives students a chance to latch on to bands that have an interesting, edgy sound and appreciate a different kind of musical talent they probably had never been exposed to. It is no stretch to say Arcade Fire may have not won that Grammy in 2011 without the support of the nation's university students.

Before I get into the radio station here at the University, let

me express my utmost respect for those who work to keep it up and running. My intention isn't to criticize their music taste.

It is apparent that the station here on campus has chosen a top-40 format in lieu of the traditional alternative-rock format. While I disagree with that fervently, I understand many students prefer that type of music these days, so I grasp the reasoning behind it.

What is ridiculous is the lack of variety in the type of music they're playing on the campus radio stations. It cannot be true that most students want to hear the same 15 pop songs over and over again with seemingly no end in sight. While there is the occasional hour or two a week of '90s music, for the most part, the music seems to be taken right of Billboard's top 100 songs.

I realize it's not fair to ask for alternative music to be played on the weekend nights, but I do not think it is too much to ask for a little quality indie music during the week.

If the radio station asked the students here, I think they would see similar feelings expressed.

Holiday season is time to focus on financial health



The holidays are fast approaching and so are the wants and needs of many. This can be a perfect time to enjoy family and friends. It can also be a perfect time to spend, spend, spend. So how do you keep this holiday season from breaking the bank? Here are some tips to help you be successful in keeping your financial wellness.

Set a budget: Knowing what you can afford upfront is half the battle. The other half is staying focused and not going over this budget.

Communication: Visit with your loved ones about gift giving. Maybe they are feeling the same pressure as you. It isn't the gift giving as much as the opportunity to get together that we all love. If you still want to give gifts, reduce the limit or do a white elephant. Some of our best family Christmas times have been seeing who can find the most original gift in their closet.

Pay cash: One of the big stress-

ors over the holiday season is money. Pay with cash now, and you won't be stressed out come January when your credit card bill arrives.

Get creative: Homemade gifts are often the most treasured. If you are a great baker or a crafty person, this is a perfect opportunity. One of the most prized gifts at the Wellness Center grab bag exchange is homemade Sally Klaas' caramel popcorn.

Plan ahead: It may be too late to do this year, but consider this for next year. Start your Christmas shopping early, so you won't be spending a large amount at one time. I had my shopping started by mid-August this year. There are always great sales after Christmas, so be looking for next year this year.

Save money: Brown bag it for lunch or skip that special latte. You will be surprised how fast you can save money by not eating out. I know I save a minimum of \$5 a day by doing this. This is a great way to save all year long, not just in December.

I hope these suggestions will help you be in the right frame of mind for the holidays. Making sure you are striving for financial wellness is an important part of overall wellness. Stay balanced and enjoy this special time of the year.

Electoral College no longer feasible option



The group of people that elect the president of the United States of America is known as the Electoral College. When you are voting for your presidential candidate, you are actually voting for a middleman to vote for your candidate for you. These middlemen are known as electors, and historically, they have been known to ignore our suggestions.

Most recently in 2004, the Democratic vice-presidential candidate, John Edwards, received one Electoral College vote when it should have gone to John Kerrey. In 2000, a Washington D.C. elector refused to cast her

ballot as a protest to D.C.'s lack of representation in Congress. While it is true that neither of these events changed the outcome of the election, why should we give them the ability to? We should be voting for candidates, not electors that can vote for whomever they please by law.

The Electoral College also tends to overrepresent states with small populations. In 1988 for example, the combined voting-age population of the seven least populous states (3,119,000) carried the same voting strength in the Electoral College (21 Electoral votes) as the 9,614,000 voting-age citizens in Florida. This means that every potential vote in Florida carried about one-third of the weight of a potential vote in the seven least populous states.

I would have supported the Electoral College in 1787 at the

convention, but not today. The Founding Fathers were legitimately hesitant of citizens not knowing about candidates from other states, and simply voting for their state's “favorite son.” Since 1787 we have advanced our communication abilities tremendously. I can send a tweet to someone in Seattle, and they will receive it almost instantly. Two hundred years ago, I would have had to tie my message to a bird and hope it got there at all.

I also believe that the Electoral College wrongly encourages our two-party system. I would like to see a third party have a fighting chance at winning the White House. It is obvious that this left and right nonsense is not doing the trick with all this gridlock. Maybe, just maybe, another party or person could bring some acceptable compromise or solutions to the table.

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It is never the intent of The Missourian to insult, misinform or otherwise print anything that does a disservice to our readers.

However, this is not to say that we, and I as editor, do not make mistakes.

In last week's Stroller a comment was made about the victims

of Jerry Sandusky. Some of our readers expressed their concern for this comment, and I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to them directly and to any of our other readers who may have been offended by such remarks.

There is a level of responsibility that comes with the anonymity The Stroller possesses, and we will work to uphold that.

CAMPUS TALK

What made 2012 the best year ever?



“The release of the Wii U, Nintendo’s new console. I am always looking forward to new gaming consoles.”

Garrett Boyle
Junior
Fine Arts



“The 2012 presidential election, when Obama won. We ran down the halls screaming, even though it was quiet hours.”

Jasmine Banks
Freshman
Psychology



“Because there was news of a new Star Wars trilogy coming out, and it gives us a new hope for the future.”

Justin Beamer
Sophomore
History Education



“Marriage equality gaining popularity, and the repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell.”

Kaleb Walter
Senior
Geography



“I really enjoyed the Hunger Games books and movie. I am excited to see the following two that will be coming out.”

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In Theaters This Week:

“Playing for Keeps”

(Comedy)
Director: Gabriele Muccino
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“Bad Kids Go to Hell”

(Comedy/Thriller)
Director: Matthew Spradin
Starring: Judd Nelson, Ben Browder

“Deadfall”

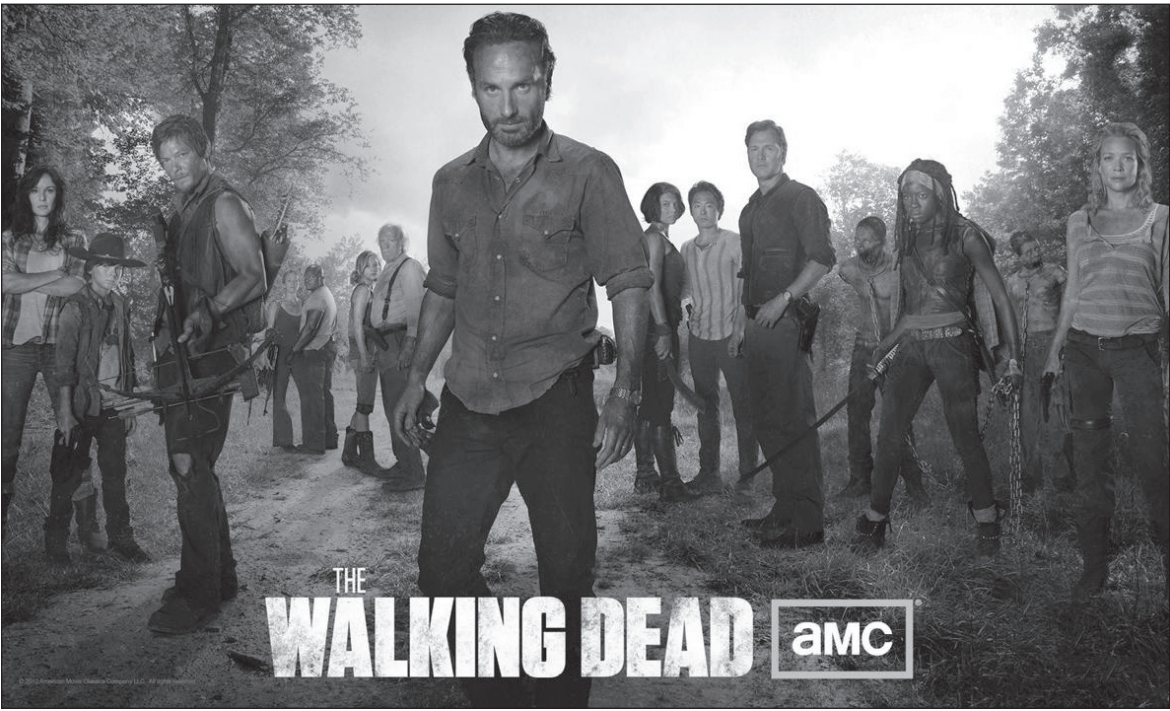
(Action/Adventure)
Director: Stefan Ruzowitzky
Starring: Eric Bana, Olivia Wilde

Billboard Hot 100 Songs

1. Rihanna-“Diamonds”
2. Ke\$ha-“Die Young”
3. Maroon 5-“One More Night”
4. Bruno Mars-“Locked Out Of Heaven”
5. Psy -“Gangnam Style”

Billboard Top 200

1. Rihanna-“Unapologetic”
2. Taylor Swift-“Red”
3. One Direction-“Take Me Home”
4. Phillip Phillips-“The World from the Side of the Moon”
5. Kid Rock-“Rebel Soul”



The cast of AMC’s third season of “The Walking Dead.” The mid-season finale premiered Dec. 2, full of exciting encounters and gruesome scenes. Season three of “The Walking Dead” will continue Feb. 10.

WHAT’S HOT

“The Dark Knight Rises”

The latest installment of Christopher Nolan’s rendition of the Batman series was released on DVD and Blue-ray this week, giving students one more reason to avoid upcoming finals.

Royal Pregnancy

News broke this week that Catherine, the Duchess of Cambridge, is pregnant with Prince William’s baby. This is an addition of royal porportions to the entire United Kingdom

Christmas Break

Campus-wide, students and faculty are ecstatic to get away from the heavy load of school and work for a while. Having a month off is a much needed break for all Bearcats.

WHAT’S NOT

Javon Belcher

Kansas City is in shock after the tragic news of this player taking two lives, including his own, broke Saturday morning. A tragic turn to an already depressing season.

Pandora

One of the most popular Internet streaming sites is still battling music distributors over unpaid royalties. The battle continued on Capitol Hill this week.

Finals Week

The most dreaded week of the semester is looming in the distance. Only a few comprehensive exams separate students from a much-needed break

Episode ends on climatic, pivotal scene

‘The Walking Dead’ leaves viewers on edge until February.

MATT LEIMKUEHLER
Features Editor | @callinghomematt

WARNING: This article contains plot reveals for “The Walking Dead” mid-season finale, “Made to Suffer.” If you have not watched the episode, be aware that there are spoilers in the proceeding article.

You may want to invest in a new sofa after the 43-minutes of nail-biting television that was the mid-season finale of AMC’s “The Walking Dead.” That is, if you used the seat at all. The episode was full of such an unfathomable amount of action that you may have had to stand, jump and even pace the room. Watching Rick and company battle through the trenches of America’s most hated post-apocalyptic leader can be incredibly mentally straining. Yes, it is obvious when tun-

ing into “The Walking Dead,” you are signing up for an entertainment adrenaline rush, but this episode created so much more. First-the biblical, brotherly battle between Daryl and Merle. We all knew they’d cross paths, but the fashion at which they finally did is fantastic. It is only appropriate for the show to leave off at the epic decision between Merle or Daryl to survive-a question that will undoubtedly linger over viewers’ Christmas ham.

This impending battle of blood segues perfectly into the second-most tantalizing moment of the episode: the brawl between Michonne and The Governor. Often in climatic television violence, such a battle is drawn-out and disappointing; however, this was not the case. The fight was short and brutal enough to keep your eyes glued to the screen, cheering on the protagonist. Both of these characters show their resilience with this fight, simply because neither of them will die, yet. Let’s stick a 5 inch piece of glass in The Governor’s eyeball and watch him walk away minutes later. The fight was dramat-

ic-great television-but incredibly unrealistic.

Another interesting angle-when did Carl become a man? Wasn’t it just late last season he was crying to his father? The now teenager has gone from throwing temper tantrums over shooting a gun to being eye-balled (so-to-speak) by the 17 year-old Beth. If this kid doesn’t watch it, he’s going to be raising a sister and a daughter simultaneously. Also, it will be interesting to see what role the jail newcomers will face when and if The Governor plans an attack against Rick’s group.

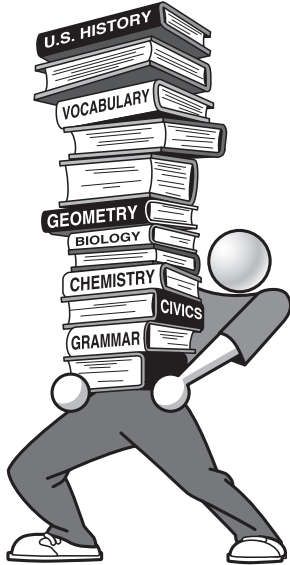
Overall, another great episode delivered to viewers by television’s finest zombie apocalypse.



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Rating: 5/5

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December 10-14

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Thursday	8am - 7pm
Friday	8am - 5pm

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THE STROLLER:

Your Man says moustaches must go

Men rarely give in to pathetically trendy fashion fads. You don’t usually see herds of frat boys at The Outback sporting leggings and Uggs. At least not in Maryville. Maybe they’re into that around MO. West. But when we do fall into a truly deplorable fashion fad, we fall hard. Witness exhibit A: the November moustache.

Let me tell you who the worst offenders of the November moustache are: everyone who participates. Do you know who those people are? College males, whose hair follicles’ immaturity can only muster a quasidistinguishable fuzz at best. And every last one thinks he’s clever and oh-so-edgy and will invariably make “molestache” jokes, say, twice a week. Every week. Throughout the entire month.

November moustaches are sheer blasphemy – a shameful dis-

grace to the proud moustachio’d males of yore. I’m talking Tom Selleck, Albert Einstein, and that lovable Soviet, Joseph Stalin. These are icons, emasculated by our generation’s sad excuse for facial hair. Movemberites are probably thinking, “Yes, I agree with you, oh great teacher. But my facial hair just doesn’t come in that thick.” That’s like saying “I don’t have a Harley, but I’m going to take my mo-ped and join a biker gang anyway.” Don’t flaunt it if you don’t have it.

Moustaches are just not for everyone, OK? They are reserved for men who sweat testosterone and piss Jack Daniels. Men of class who chop firewood by hand and then offer their sport coat (ever heard of it?) to their lady when she gets cold. Not fratty burnouts who turn into drama queens after a few Bud Lights, cry uncontrollably when

Tom Hanks loses Wilson in Cast-away, blame lag every time they die on Xbox Live, or laugh at pictures of cats on the Internet.

I can’t imagine what the hipster demographic thinks of all these moustaches. Movemberites, how do you sleep at night knowing that you popularized and thus hijacked the facial hairstyle that four out of five hipsters recommend? What are they supposed to grow on their face now? The chin strap? The Adolph Hitler? Mutton chops? Or even – and this is nearly unthinkable – going clean-shaven. I know, I’m sorry I even said it.

November’s over. Shave your damn moustache.

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LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior guard DeAngelo Hailey tries to take the ball to the rim against Upper Iowa in a 59-52 win Nov. 24.

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passion. Belcher shot his girlfriend nine times in front of his own mother.

Something went crazy wrong the morning of Dec. 1. How did no one see it coming?

What red flags were overlooked? Could concussions have distorted his thought process and decision to commit such a heinous act?

Has the NFL let another one of its athletes down?

The NFL has taken small, frustrating baby steps to increasing player safety. Certain rule changes, including the makeshift helmet-to-helmet personal foul rule, have had an effect on the game. Awareness for concussions has improved, but further steps need to be taken off of the field.

When a player is concussed, thorough steps are taken to ensure that a player is fully recovered before taking the field again. But teams need to begin monitoring the mental health of its athletes. The league needs to take that extra step to take care of the brains of each player.

Players need to be given CAT scans on an annual basis, possibly before each season. This is just another step to preventing brain injuries and could keep the NFL from going bankrupt down the road. Players know the risks of playing football, yet they choose to play because it pays well, and they

are really good at it.

Yet these athletes need to be aware of the condition of their brain before they take the field again. The brain injuries need to be monitored and stopped before they become too progressive.

Players need to know when to hang it up so the rest of their lives aren't destroyed.

We have seen numerous NFL players struggle post-retirement. Some have passed away tragically. Junior Seau was the latest, dying from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the chest.

We have also seen multiple players struggle with personal issues, leading to a fall from grace and a blemish to their name. O.J. Simpson and Rae Carruth are just a couple who fit this bill.

Each issue can be linked to personal problems off the field and head injuries on the field.

Football players aren't paid to act sheepishly. They are paid to act violently and bred to beat each other up, in a football sense. Violent tics are necessary on the field. These tics can create intense outbursts off the field. Repeatedly head-butting grown men every weekend for successive years may be affecting a player's ability to make reasonable decisions, especially with players who may have a mental illness to begin with.

Player safety has become a huge deal in recent years, with former players coming out of the woodworks to condemn the league for its improper treatments of past

and present players.

Hall of Fame tight end John Mackey, who became the first president of the NFL Players Association, suffered from severe dementia from his playing days before he passed away last year. He and other afflicted players sued the league in an attempt to garner wages for mounting hospital and adult day care bills.

The NFL finally came to terms with the 88 plan- named after Mackey's number- to provide \$88,000 per year for home care and up to \$50,000 annually for adult day care.

Still, the NFL has seen a growing pile of lawsuits from many past players, including teammates, such as Jim McMahon, and family of former Chicago Bear Dave Duerson, who shot himself last year.

Research done on the brains of former NFL players has shown alarming rates of deterioration and brain tissue damage that can lead to a wide array of psychological problems and result in actions that would be out of character.

As friends and family speak of how Jovan Belcher seemed to be a happy-go-lucky kind of guy with a blessed life and a great attitude, no one knew of the mental distress he was suffering through.

Allow these players to receive the proper benefits they deserve. The legacy of the NFL and the players who sacrifice themselves for this great game week in and week out depend on it.

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said he simply printed off the Internet, will continue to be a part of future Spoofohound football teams.

"It's something that's part of our program," Webb said. "It's a motivational tool that we use. We strive for perfection; it's something we strive for all the time. It'll be part of our program."

Webb said the only time the portrait would be held up for the team to see was during film, and only if every single player on a given play did his job "perfectly."

"We have it up in our meeting rooms all the time," Webb said. "If we see a play that all 11 guys execute their assignment abso-

lutely perfect, and there's not very many of them, but if all 11 guys do what they're supposed to do, then we hold it up, and everybody goes crazy and has fun."

The only other time Webb bran-dished the miniature "Mona Lisa?"

When Maryville hoisted a state championship trophy along with it on the bus ride back home from the Edward-Jones Dome.

"It was pretty cool because we brought the trophy on the bus, and that was a neat moment," Baker said. "Everybody got to pass it around. It was one of those things where you wouldn't expect a picture of a "Mona Lisa" to be almost more celebrated than a state trophy itself. When (Webb) held that up, we all just went crazy. It was an awesome moment."

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MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
Washburn.....	6-0	0-0
NORTHWEST.....	6-0	0-0
Pitt. State.....	5-1	0-0
Northeastern State.....	5-1	0-0
Lindenwood.....	4-1	0-0
Central Mo.....	4-1	0-0
Emporia State.....	4-2	0-0
Mo. Western.....	4-2	0-0
Mo. Southern.....	5-3	0-0
Fort Hays.....	3-2	0-0
Truman.....	2-3	0-0
Nebraska-Kearney.....	2-3	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	2-5	0-0
Central Oklahoma.....	1-5	0-0
Lincoln (Mo.).....	1-7	0-0

December 6:
Central Okla. at Pitt. State
S.W. Baptist at Washburn

December 8:
Kearney at NORTHWEST
Pitt. State at Lindenwood
Fort Hays at Mo. Western

NW WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
Fort Hays.....	6-0	0-0
Truman.....	5-0	0-0
Central Mo.....	4-0	0-0
Washburn.....	4-0	0-0
Mo. Western.....	4-0	0-0
Mo. Southern.....	6-1	0-0
Pitt. State.....	5-1	0-0
Central Oklahoma.....	4-1	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	3-1	0-0
Emporia State.....	3-1	0-0
NORTHWEST.....	4-2	0-0
Lincoln (Mo.).....	3-2	0-0
Northeastern State.....	3-2	0-0
Nebraska-Kearney.....	2-4	0-0
Lindenwood.....	1-2	0-0

December 6:
Central Okla. at Pitt. State
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Kearney at NORTHWEST
Pitt. State at Lindenwood
Emporia St. at Central Mo.

MHS BOY’S BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS	Overall	MEC
Lafayette.....	4-0	0-0
Cameron.....	2-0	0-0
MARYVILLE.....	3-1	0-0
LeBlond.....	2-1	0-0
Chillicothe.....	1-2	0-0
Savannah.....	1-2	0-0
Smithville.....	0-1	0-0
Benton.....	0-1	0-0

December 6:
MARYVILLE at Benton

December 7:
Platte County at Lafayette
Excelsior Springs at Chillicothe

MHS GIRL’S BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS	Overall	MEC
Lafayette.....	3-0	0-0
Savannah.....	2-1	0-0
Chillicothe.....	2-1	0-0
Benton.....	1-1	0-0
Cameron.....	1-1	0-0
LeBlond.....	1-2	0-0
Smithville.....	0-1	0-0
MARYVILLE.....	0-4	0-1

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Rock Bridge at Smithville

December 11:
MARYVILLE at South Harrison
Penney at Lafayette

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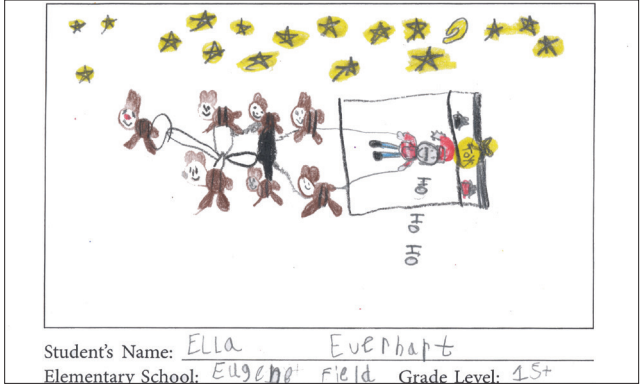
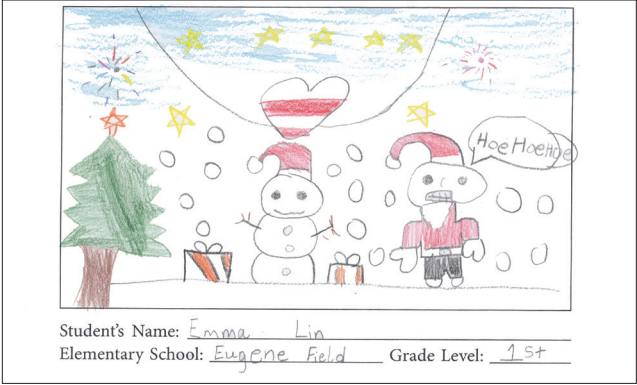
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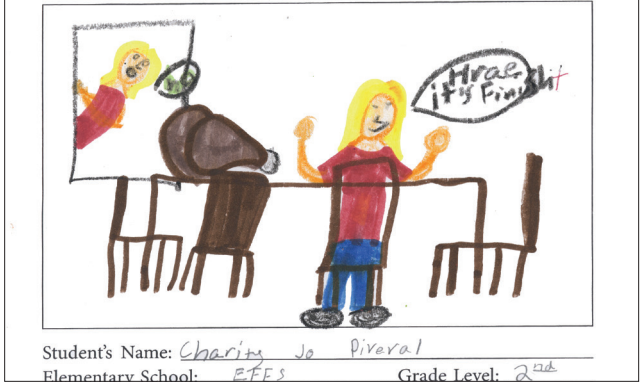
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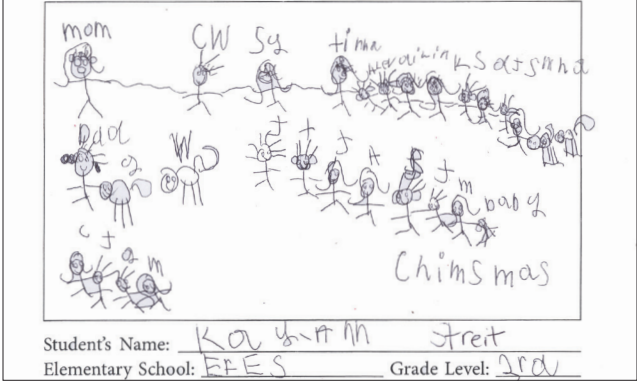
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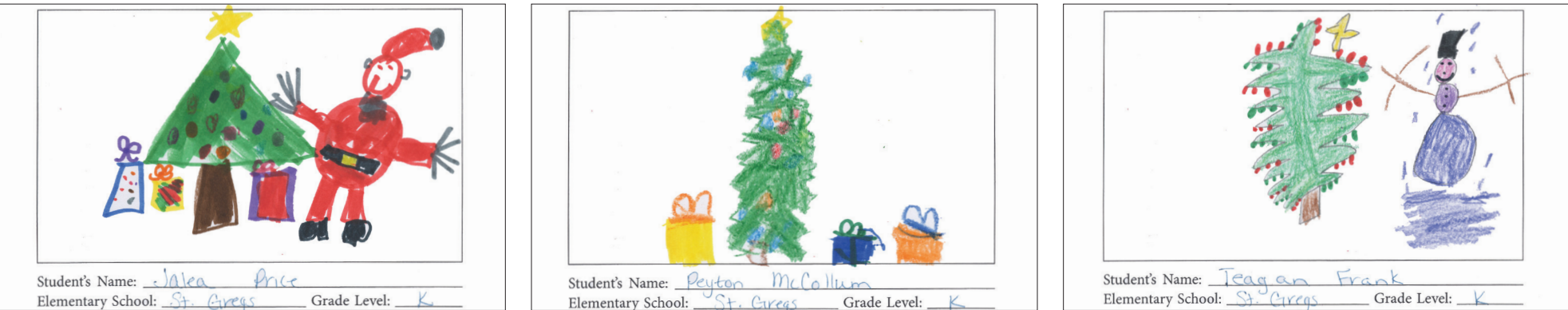


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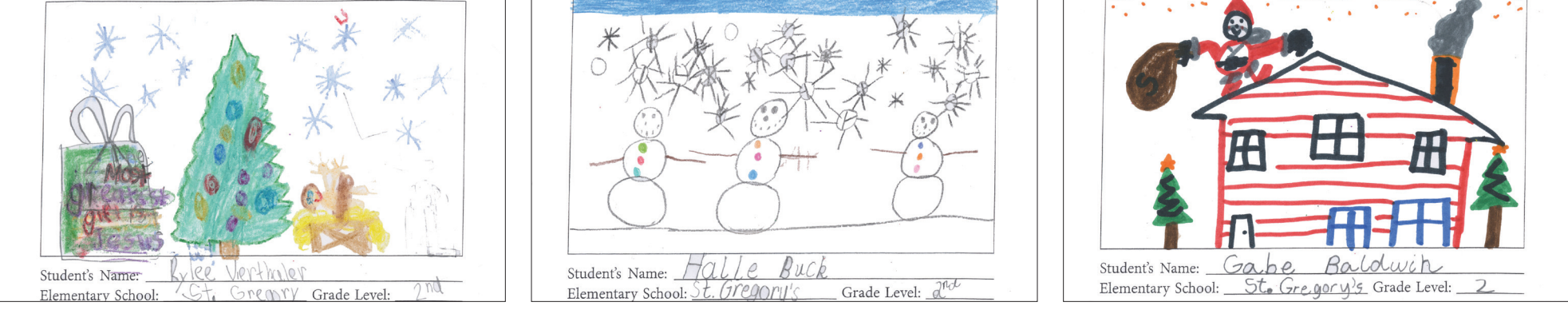
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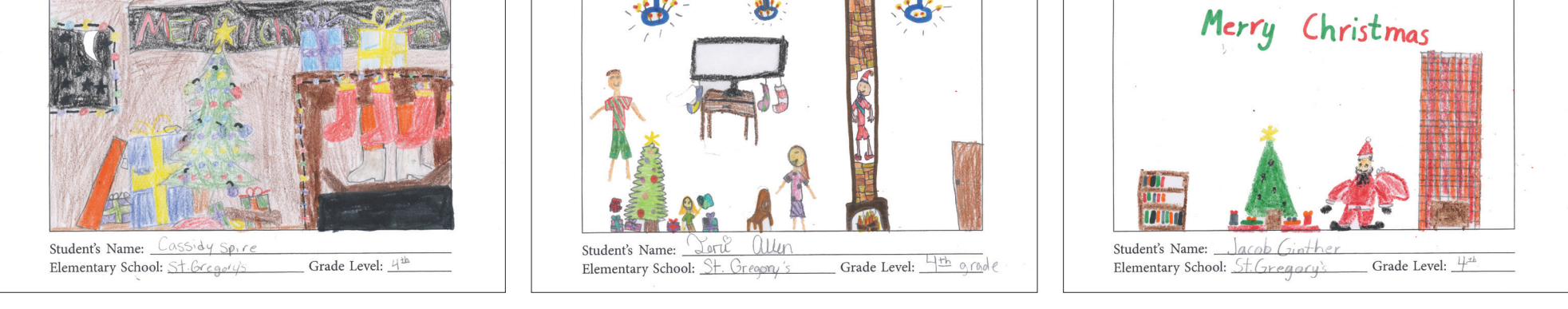
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Third Grade - Saint Gregory's



Fourth Grade - Saint Gregory's



Girls fall to conference opponent, drop to 0-4



FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN
Junior guard Chelsea Byland dribbles outside the three-point line during a game last season.

ELI WELLMAN
Missourian Reporter | @NWMSports

The Maryville girls basketball team looks to overcome inexperience as it continues a stretch of road games to start the season. Although the Spoofhounds are struggling, coach Grant Hageman is excited about the way his young defense is playing. “I think our defense is playing well,” Hageman said. “Last Thursday we kept Lafayette’s best offensive players from getting good looks. I thought we did a good job and kept them under 40. Anytime you can do that to a team, you like to think you got a pretty good chance. We just have a lot to work on, on the offensive end, and once we get things going on offense and catch up to our defense, I

think good things are gonna happen for us.” The ‘Hounds will travel to Bethany to play South Harrison on Tuesday, Dec. 11. The game will be the team’s fifth road game to start the season. “My biggest concern, with this team that doesn’t have a lot of experience at the varsity level, is having the mental toughness to go on the road for the fifth straight game,” Hageman said. “We gotta play hard, play together and keep improving in the process. That’ll be our biggest challenge.” Hageman believes the team needs leadership among the girls in order to take the team to the next level. “The problem is we haven’t seen that overall leader step up,” Hageman said. “We need a leader when things are going good as well as when things aren’t. In practice, the leadership among the team has to improve because there are times when the girls just don’t get after it. This team just can’t afford to waste opportunities to get better.” The Spoofhounds lost to Lafayette Tuesday night 46-26. “We played really good the first half,” said Hageman. “At halftime we were down by one. The girls were playing great.” Lafayette started to pull away at the end of the third quarter. “We had a turnover right at the end of the third quarter,” said Hageman. “That made the score 31-24 at the start of the fourth. I think it really messed with our confidence the rest of the night. We played with them for three quarters, so this game was definitely an improvement.” Senior guard Blair Twaddle led the ‘Hounds in scoring with nine points. Maryville’s game against South Harrison is at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 11.



HANNAH JURGENSEN | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior guard Jonathan Baker goes after a loose ball during Tuesday night’s win against Clarinda. The Spoofhounds defeated the Cardinals 58-38 behind Baker’s team-high 18 points.

Boys win with strong 2nd half

CRAIG SIMS
Chief Sports Reporter | @NWMSports

A second-half surge of offense from the Maryville boys basketball team pushed the team over the edge to grab the first home win of the season. Following a first half that saw the Spoofhounds and Clarinda Cardinals battle for position, the ‘Hounds held onto a slim 26-24 lead at halftime. Maryville opened the second half behind senior guard Jonathan Baker, who scored 13 points and went a perfect six-for-six shooting from the field in the third quarter alone. “We were hurrying,” head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. “I felt we were hurrying too much. We were playing into their hands. We had too many turnovers, trying to force things. We were turning the ball

over because we were just being careless with it, and the mood was that ‘we gotta quit playing careless and playing into their hands and stick to the game plan.’ We got back to that, and we were fine.” The Spoofhounds were able to add onto their lead late in the fourth quarter en route to the 58-38 win. Clarinda was only able to score 14 points total in the second half. “The biggest adjustment we made was we changed our defense a little bit,” Kuwitzky said. “We had to stop their drive in the paint a little better, and get out contested three’s. On offense, we had to move the ball better and not just settle for threes ourselves but try to get the ball inside more.” Three Spoofhounds finished the game in double-figures. Baker was the high man, finishing with 18 points. Senior guard Tyler Kenkel add-

ed 14 points. Junior forward Trent Nally tallied 11 points. Other scorers for the ‘Hounds include senior guard Treyton Burch with seven points, junior forward Ty Hilsabeck with six points and sophomore center Jacob Kacek with two points. With the win, Maryville (3-1) moves on to play Benton at 5 p.m. Thursday in St. Joseph. Kuwitzky knows the Cardinals will be tough and physical playing at home. “Our plan down there is we have to be patient, but on the same token, play a physical game cause they’re gonna be physical,” Kuwitzky said. “That’s a physical team always, and they are tough at home.” Following today’s game against Benton, the Spoofhounds road stretch will continue when they play East Buchanan at 5 p.m. Monday.

Wrestling set to begin year without normal amount of practice time

JON BROWN
Missourian Reporter | @NWMSports

Opening matches for the Maryville wrestling team begin this weekend. The ‘Hounds will battle it out in the Bedford/Lenox Tournament starting at 10 a.m. Saturday in Bedford, Iowa. There will be many area Iowa high schools competing in this tournament.

This is an individual-based tournament with an overall team winner named at the end. Head coach Joe Drake says the team will look different this season. “Our numbers are down this year,” Drake said, “We have some real quality guys going out. The upcoming tournament this weekend will primarily be individually based, so that’s what we are focused on.”

The ‘Hounds plan to compete with 12 wrestlers on the team this season. Seniors on the squad this year consist of Derek Stiens and Ben Wilmes. Drake thinks the first meet will be a challenge for the team. “This weekend’s tournament could be a little more difficult for some than for others,” Drake said. “Three of our 12 wrestlers just finished up the football season, so

they might not be quite as prepared as they would like to be.” Two of those three include Stiens and sophomore Nathaniel Alexander, two of the team’s top wrestlers. The three wrestlers have only had two weeks since the Missouri State Football Championship played Nov. 23. Drake said the team will have three wrestlers to help guide the team this season.

Stiens, Alexander and junior Dane Hull will fill the team’s leadership roles. “I believe that these three young men will step up and provide a very good leadership role for our team this upcoming wrestling season,” Drake said, “All of the men look up to them.” After the tournament, the Spoofhounds will travel Dec. 13 to Stanberry for a match with Stanberry, Albany and Plattsburg.

ATHLETES of the WEEK



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Dillon Starzl



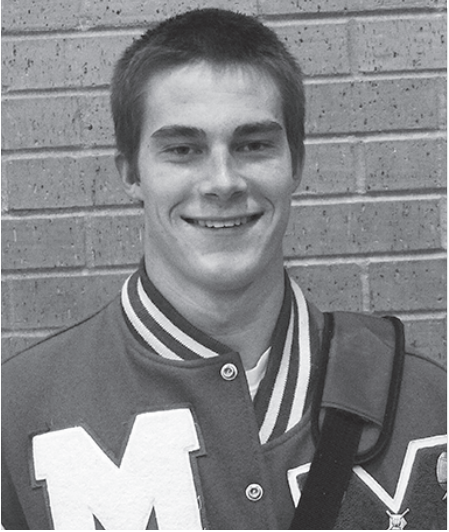
Junior center Dillon Starzl led the Bearcat men’s basketball team to a win Dec. 1 against York College with 24 points and six rebounds. Starzl scored 18 in the second half alone.

Meridee Scott



Junior guard Meridee Scott scored a team-high 17 points in a tight winf over Rogers State Dec. 1. Scott leads the team with 12.7 points per game so far this year.

Jonathan Baker



Senior guard Jonathan Baker dropped a team-high 18 points in a 58-38 win Tuesday night against Clarinda. In the third quarter, Baker scored 13 points on six-for-six from the field.

Chelsea Byland



Junior point guard Chelsea Byland scratched out six points against Lafayette in a 46-26 loss Tuesday night. Byland has done her best to lead a team battling inexperience.



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Men start MIAA competition at home

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The undefeated Northwest men's basketball team (6-0) opened conference play Wednesday night in Bearcat Arena.

The Bearcats took on Lindenwood (4-1), who leads the MIAA in points per game and rebounds per game, for the first time since 1996.

Results for Wednesday's game were unavailable as of press time. Check www.nwmissourinews.com for an update.

Head coach Ben McCollum said he was not sure if Lindenwood would be the best team the Bearcats had seen so far this year, but it is a solid team.

"It's tough to say (if it is the best team we've played)," McCollum said. "On tape, yeah. Statistically, yeah. I think they lead every category in the MIAA. It's hard to say. It's tough."

The Lions average 85.8 points per game, with 18.4 of those coming from senior guard Alex Bazzell, a transfer from Division-I University of Missouri-Kansas City.

"They do push, but they're not like York," McCollum said. "York is really fast. York is going to pressure so you shoot it quick."

"(Lindenwood) is going to play more of a packed-in style of defense where they pack it in and force you to early, average shots."

McCollum said Lindenwood's

abilities on the offensive glass would be tough on Northwest.

"They've got good size," McCollum said. "I think they're 6-10 inside ... They're pretty big. And their style of play allows them to get defensive rebounds because they're always below everything. It'll be tough; it'll be a totally different style of game from the game before that."

The bulk of the Lions' height comes in the form of senior center Brett Thompson.

Thompson is a transfer from St. Louis University and is listed at 6 feet, 11 inches.

Six foot, 5 inch guard/forward Richie Thompson leads Lindenwood, as well as the MIAA, in rebounds per game with 9.2.

Senior point guard De-Shaun Cooper was out once again Wednesday night, missing his seventh straight contest due to injury.

McCollum is not sure when Cooper will be back; although, last week he said there was a "50/50 chance" Cooper would play against Lindenwood.

The Bearcat head coach said he is not sure how far his team can make it into conference play without Cooper without struggling.

"We'll find out," McCollum said. "So far, so good. I think we've made the adjustments we need to make. I think, defensively, we'll be fine. Offensively, we're going to have to keep manufacturing ways to score. Run a few more plays. Really work

"Offensively, we're going to have to keep manufacturing ways to score. Run a few more plays. Really work our offense harder."

Ben McCollum

our offense harder.

"You've just got to adjust to it. I don't read into it as much as people on the outside would read into it. We just kinda go about business as usual and play with the guys we have."

Northwest will take on Nebraska-Kearney for the first time in team history at 3:30 p.m. Saturday to close out the Bearcats' five-game home stand.

The Lopers sit at second in the conference in three-point shooting percentage, and McCollum said they have had good shooters in the past from exhibition games.

"I haven't even watched them yet," McCollum said. "In the past, they've always had quality shooters because we've scrimmaged them the past three years ... I think they shoot quite a few three's into their post players, so I'm guessing that's probably what's going on there."



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN
Sophomore forward Grant Cozad goes up for a shot in the paint against Upper Iowa Nov. 24. The Bearcats took a 59-52 win against the Peacocks.

Indoor track kicks off 2012 season with Cyclone Holiday Preview

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Behind a young roster, the Northwest indoor track team heads into this season looking to improve against tough MIAA competition.

The Bearcats have 50 underclassmen on their roster, which will be without two-time All-American Lekiesha McKnight. The senior shot putter will redshirt this season, assistant coach Emily Peterson said.

The 'Cats return junior pole vaulter Will Haer, who earned a trip to the 2012 National Indoor Championships.

"We're excited to have Will back. It was great for him to get in there and get that experience," Peterson said. "We have a lot of people who were right on the edge of going to nationals last season. The talent level we have for the team this year is really exciting."

The youthful roster is led by a slew of sophomores who, with a year of experience under their

belts, will look to guide a crop of 36 incoming freshmen.

"It's a very young team, and we said that last year too because we had a lot of freshmen. So it's nice to see them come back a little more experienced," Peterson said. "They've done a really good job this fall leading the incoming freshmen, so I think with that going into conference, we'll do a lot better than we have in the past."

The Northwest men finished in seventh in a highly competitive MIAA field last season, and the

women finished in ninth place.

"When we finished last year, we had a little chip on our shoulder," Peterson said. "As a team, we didn't quite accomplish what we wanted to out of that meet, so we're looking to come back and place higher. It's been a good driving force for this fall."

The MIAA saw 59 of its athletes earn All-American honors and produced 10 national champions at the 2012 NCAA outdoor championships, according to the MIAA website.

"We're just looking forward to getting out there and giving our athletes a chance to compete against some other people besides themselves," Peterson said. "We have a very driven team this year, so it will be really nice to see them get in there and be able to compete. As long as we do that, we're going to come out with some really good marks and times this weekend."

The Bearcats will get their season underway at 10 a.m. Friday at the Cyclone Holiday Preview in Ames, Iowa.

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rinenews.com for an update following the game and follow @NWMSports.



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The Maryville football team used the “Mona Lisa” as motivation during film sessions during its state championship run. Head coach Matt Webb brought the idea from one of his previous jobs.

Iconic image brings motivation to winning team

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The Notre Dame football team, which will play in the BCS National Championship game in January, has its own special form of motivation posted just outside the team locker room.

The famous sign, which reads “Play Like a Champion Today,” hangs on the wall inside the tunnel that leads from the locker room to the field.

The 2012 state champion Maryville football team had a special form of motivation heading into its own title game as well.

The “Mona Lisa.”

Yes, an eight-by-10 inch plastic

framed poster of one of the most famous pieces of art in history was the inspiration behind a historic football season for the Spoofhounds.

The small portrait of a woman with shoulder-length brunette hair hangs in an unassuming place, on the side of the team’s video cart, but junior lineman Jackson Morrison said it helped Maryville become a better football team.

“It is pretty unique, but it’s cool at the same time,” Morrison said. “It helped a lot. It gave us a goal in mind. It was pretty cool.”

What is the symbolism behind a 500-year-old painting to a high school football team?

“Perfection,” senior quarterback

Jonathan Baker said. “What (the coaches) were going for was the plays, to try to get a perfect play and have everybody do the right job. We saw it as do that every single play throughout the entire game and throughout the entire season. Ultimately, we can compare it to a state championship with a perfect 15-0 record.”

Head coach Matt Webb brought the idea over from one of his previous jobs as the defensive coordinator for Southeastern Louisiana State, and said the Spoofhound players latched themselves to the idea immediately.

“If you can have fun and get your goals accomplished, that’s what it’s about,” Webb said. “The

guys enjoyed looking at film ... They’d say, ‘Coach, is that a Mona Lisa?’ Sometimes they’d be right, and sometimes I’d say, ‘no, not quite because of this reason right here. Because this person didn’t do something perfect’ or whatever the case may be.”

Comparing a painting to a high school football team may be a stretch, but Webb did not act like it was out of the ordinary at all.

Webb said no one came to him saying it was strange and that, in fact, not many people knew about it.

Baker said the thought of a painting as motivation for a football team struck him as odd at first. “Honestly, I was kinda wonder-

ing what the heck he was talking about, what he was gonna do with it,” Baker said. “But of course, after he explained it, it made sense ... I just thought it’s one of those things, this coach is going to come in here and change up the team, but it really was a positive for us.

“The first week of the season, right after the Jamboree, (Webb) pretty much described how the goal is to see (the “Mona Lisa”) as much as we can throughout the year. And how, if we show this off, it means we ran a perfect play or something perfect happened, and we can celebrate it.”

The small picture, which Webb

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Women open conference play at home Wednesday

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Following a 21-point comeback to defeat Rogers State, Northwest women’s basketball will open conference play against Lindenwood.

The Bearcats (5-2) rallied back behind 18 points from junior guard Meridee Scott to defeat the Hillcats 71-68. Rogers State (8-2) shot 73 percent from the field in the first frame, before the ‘Cats had battled to cut the lead to 45-33 at the half.

It is the largest comeback by Northwest since the 2001-2002 season.

“It’s a good sign; I think we grew up a little bit in that game,” head coach Mark Kellogg said. “You don’t want to get down by 21 points, but we did a good job of weathering the storm. To Rogers’ credit, they made shots. Some were tough and some were open, but either way, you have to make them. And then finding a way to win late, we hadn’t done that in our two previous close games. It’s a big step in the right direction, but it’s still a long way to go.”

The Bearcats returned home Wednesday where they faced first-year MIAA opponent Lindenwood. It was the first matchup between the two schools.

Results for Wednesday’s game were unavailable as of press time. Check www.nwmissourinews.com

com for final results and game details.

Kellogg said ball security would be key for the ‘Cats, who apply plenty of pressure themselves, leading the conference in steals per game with 13.4. Lindenwood’s Arriana Walker leads the conference with 22 steals this season.

“We’ve seen pressure; we’ve seen different types of zones. We’ve seen a lot here in this first seven games,” Kellogg said. “But that’s the idea; you want your non-conference games to prepare you for your conference games. The MIAA schedule is going to be brutal.”

Conference play will continue at Bearcat Arena when Northwest takes on Nebraska-Kearney. The ‘Cats won their previous matchup 81-75. The Lopers lead the all-time series 11-5.

“You want to win your home games and take care of business at home, and then you have to build and don’t worry so much about what’s gonna happen, especially with this team this year,” Kellogg said. “It’s just completely about us: what do we do well, how do we keep getting better. I think if we do that, we’ll be okay. We have to be real careful worrying about who we play and what they do.”

The Bearcats will take on Nebraska-Kearney at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena.



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore guard Ashleigh Nelson looks to pass to the post during a 93-46 win against Southwest Minnesota State Nov. 16.

Belcher suicide brings up bigger issue in football

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Friends and family have labeled Jovan Belcher in numerous interviews as a wonderful teammate, a proud father and a man of great faith. He always seemed to take a positive outlook on life, which makes this recent Chiefs tragedy even more stunning.

Belcher’s agent, Joe Linta, called him a model citizen, citing Belcher as a gracious volunteer at various youth camps, according to an article from CBS.

In the wake of the darkest day in franchise history, we are able to put the game in perspective and take these athletes off of a pedestal. They are still human and deal with personal issues.

Jovan Belcher, a Family Relations and Child Development major from Maine, and the mother of his 3-month old baby had a strained relationship, and Jovan was battling some personal demons.

This was certainly a crime of

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